GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2288
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FARAKKA BARRAGE PROJECT
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the Expert Committee constituted by Planning Commission has recommended short term and long term measures for critical anti-erosion work in the Farakka Barrage Project;

(b) if so, the amount released during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 by the Government; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Committee enlisted anti-erosion works amounting to Rs. 130.00 crore under short term measures and Rs. 45.00 crore under long term measures to be undertaken by Farakka Barrage Project in its jurisdiction.

(b) Government of India has approved in 1999, an Expenditure Finance Committee Memorandum amounting to Rs. 19.68 crore which included Rs. 14.50 crore for anti erosion works as recommended by Expert Committee for IXth Plan period out of which an amount of Rs. 2.00 crore was released during 1999-2000 and Rs. 3.00 crore during 2000-01.

(c) The works identified in the Expenditure Finance Committee Memorandum are planned to be completed by2003-04 subject to site conditions, results of model studies and availability of funds.